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AFTER FINAL RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The Official Action mailed August 16, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on March 7, 2002, July 8, 2003, and January 21, 2004.


Claims 17-23 were pending in the present application, of which claims 17, 20 and 23 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 4 of the Official Action rejects claims 17, 18, 20, 21 and 23 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 2, 3 and 19 of U.S. Patent No. 5,812,149 to Kawasaki et al. Paragraph 5 of the Official Action rejects claims 19 and 22 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the combination of claims 2 and 3 of Kawasaki and JP 04-050996 to Nishikawa.

In response to this rejection, a *Terminal Disclaimer* is submitted herewith. Upon filing of this *Terminal Disclaimer*, the claims of the present invention are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections are requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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